

# Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

JANUARY 31, 1975

## Senator Stone Speaks March 9 At Teenage Building Dedication

The dedicatory exercises for our new Teenage Building will be held on Sunday evening, March 9, at 8:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Florida's newly elected U.S. Senator, The Honorable Richard B. Stone, a Temple member for many years, has consented to be the dedicatory speaker. Please mark the date on your calendar.

The dedicatory committee, appointed by President William Sanes, is chaired by Marshal and Barbara Rosenberg and is co-chaired by Cliff and Betty Suchman. Among those who helped on the committee in selecting Senator Stone were Norman Braman and Richard Pallot.

A tour of the building and a reception will follow the exercises. A brochure will be presented as a permanent memento of the dedication. The brochure will include the names of all Guardian families and the names of all those who have dedicated rooms in the building. There will be many photographs of both the exterior and the interior and a running commentary of the evolution of the building.

Serving as honorary chairmen for this occasion will be the three presidents of Temple Beth Am under whose regimes the concept and construction of this building occurred, namely Barton Udell, Dr. Maxwell Dauer, and William Sanes.

## Purim Carnival Sunday, Feb. 16

Clowns! Prizes! Games! Side Shows! Fun House!  
Goldfish, Cake Walk, Movies, Costume Parade, Pony Rides

FOOD HOT DOGS BAR-B-Q BURGERS

### Boulevard Of Creative Arts And Crafts

Jewelry, Ceramics, Paintings and Prints, Leather and Macrame

### USED BOOKS FOR SALE

Purim Costume Contest--Kindergarten to Third Grade

### BABY SITTING AVAILABLE

2 weeks notice required--call Lori Miller, 665-3581

## Dr. Orlinsky Discusses Dead Sea Scrolls Friday, January 31

The Adult Education Committee, Jackie Rose, chairperson, reports that our winter forum series on Friday nights will begin with the annual address by Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky. Dr. Orlinsky, who is a special friend of our congregation, will speak this year on the theme, "The Mystery of How the Israel Government Acquired the Dead Sea Scrolls from the Arabs." Since Dr. Orlinsky was directly involved in this acquisition, his talk should be of special interest. The Dead Sea scrolls are the latest and most sensational batch of ancient manuscripts to be discovered in recent decades.

Other speakers on the adult education Friday night forum will be announced in the near future.

## Barry And Gail Friedman Assume Youth Post

Beth Am would like to welcome Barry and Gail Friedman as our new youth directors. They are highly qualified, as both have been members of the professional staff of the City of Miami Recreational Department for several years. Barry is presently the zone coordinator for the Southern division in which he has the total responsibility of 13 park programs. His wife, Gail, is the supervisor in charge of Douglas Park. Gail also has a degree in early childhood development. In addition to being our new youth directors, they are presently coordinators of the Nursery-Day School physical education program.

### ACTIVITIES PROGRAM PLANNED

Iris Franco (Mrs. Daniel), chairlady of our youth committee invites all our young people to participate in a wide-range program. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, creative dance and arts and crafts will be offered. Additional activities will be offered at a later date. The new look in youth activities program for Monday and Wednesday afternoons will begin on January 27 and January 29.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31  
8:30 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Henry Le Clair  
Cantorial Soloist

DR. HARRY M. ORLINSKY  
"The Mystery of the Acquisition  
of the Dead Sea Scrolls by Israel"



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11  
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE

## Temple Seder Planned For Thursday, March 27



Let's Study Torah  
"A Holy People"

Read the portion "Yitro," Exodus 18:1 - 20:23.

Yitro, or Jethro, is the father-in-law of Moses. Apparently, he had a strong influence in the life of Moses. He is identified as "the priest of Midian," a small land near Mount Horeb. When Moses was leading the escaped slaves through the desert, Jethro went to meet him. After hearing all the wonderful things that had happened to the people, Jethro apparently decided to join the group. We might say that he decided to convert. The sign of this formal combining of the two groups is the meal that was eaten together (before God, Ex. 18:12). It was a custom in ancient times that when animals were sacrificed (killed as an offering to the god) and eaten by a group dedicating itself to a common principle, the act of eating together (God was deemed to be present) constituted the welding together of the group in a covenant or bris. The story makes it clear (Ch. 18:1-12) that it is Jethro who is joining himself and his followers to the Hebrews. The New Testament seems to indicate that the "Last Supper" was this kind of covenantal meal between Jesus and his followers.

With verse 13 (18:13), we begin a new situation. Now the older man, Jethro, is in the position of an advisor. He tells Moses that Moses cannot judge all of the people by himself. He must appoint judges for less significant cases at each of several lower levels (18:3-26). From these passages, we know that the ancient Hebrews had a very detailed and democratic judicial system, which was later referred to and copied in early America.

When the Hebrews had come to the "mount" (presumably Sinai), they entered into a binding agreement, or contract, with God. In return for God's special intimacy with them, they are to "hearken unto My voice and keep My covenant" (19:5). They are to accept the obligation of being "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (v. 6). This is an awesome responsibility, and the people are free to decline it. Through their representatives, and again by personal testimony, the people considered the offer and accepted it (v. 7, 8). Here again, we have evidence of an extraordinary democracy. Even the relationship with God was based on popular consent!

Every Jew ought to read and know the description of how the Ten Commandments were given and ought to memorize the commandments, for they are the heart of the covenant, or bris (19:11 - 20:15). Consider, while you study these passages, why it is that for Jews the first commandment is "I am the Lord, thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt . . ." Why is this considered the foundation on which all the other commandments are built (20:2)?

**Brotherhood Basketball Tournament**

Thursday evening, February 13, 1975, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Brotherhood will hold a three man team basketball tournament. The tournament is open to all members of Brotherhood. Teams will be chosen by tournament chairman, Marty Rubin. Please call Marty at 271-0355 if you wish to play. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams. In the event that there are too many teams, finals will be held the next Thursday night.

**Joan's Gems**

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Mazel to Bev and Bernie Weksler, proud grandparents. Born to their daughter, Roni, and son-in-law, Peter Bermont, is a son, William Allen. . . . Another proud set of new grandparents are Estelle Kfare and Stanley Goldstein. Born to their daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law, Jordan Baum, is a daughter, Elizabeth, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces. . . . Get well wishes to Sanford Susman, Charles Davis, Sheryle Hellman, Ann Aibel, April Scherer, William Baker, Steven Block, Jenny Klein, Lea Wieder, Stephen Mach who have been hospitalized recently. . . . Glad to hear that Sheryl Pincus is up and about after recent surgery. . . . Get well wishes to Herman Rosenberg, Gussie Green, Jeffrey Langer, Elisa Furman.

Kudos to Stephen Snyder who has been named winner of the 1974 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. Besides being a National Merit semifinalist and valedictorian at Palmetto Senior High, Steve is president of the National Honor Society. He is the son of Dr. Gilbert and Natalie Snyder. . . . Have you seen the Judaica Shop's showcases all lit up? Many thanks from our gals to David Dalke for his electrical skills. . . . Kudos to Randy, son of Dr. Mel and Joan Schwartz, who was elected vice president of Southeast Federation of Temple Youth at the recent regional convention in Savannah, Georgia.

We are delighted to share the good news that Mikki Futernich has been chosen as a member of the outstanding women in America. . . . Congrats to Darcy, 11 year old daughter of Dr. Mel and Barbara Becker, who has just won the Bikes for Breath award for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This young lady brought in the most money in the Dade County area. . . . Get well wishes to Hattie Kott, Bobbi Emanuel, Elaine Friesner, Edward Loeb, Dr. Martin Gold, Marcie Aronow, Hedy Carlin, Herman Brams, Ellen Kaplan, Minnie Berkowitz, Celia Shapiro, Harris Cohen, Robert Gavrin, Gary Wasserman, Dr. Mark Snider, Carl Kaplan, Adrienne Darlow, and Peter Swartz who have been hospitalized recently. . . . Kudos to Michael, son of Martie and Adrienne Darlow, who has just been elected president of the Florida region of A.Z.A.

**W. C. Fields Film Festival Feb. 5**

Wednesday, February 5, 1975, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Lounge, the Brotherhood will hold a short business meeting. Dinner will be served and followed by a W.C. Fields film festival and, if time permits, a special mystery guest speaker. Brotherhood guarantees that all who attend will have a fun time. \$1.50 for members, \$2.50 for guests.

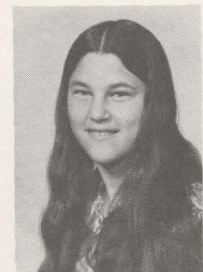
**EASY RIDER**

Need a ride or want company with whom to come to services on Friday or Saturday? Want to join a group with whom to come to Sisterhood meetings? Call Sandy Simon, 665-5995. We promise you won't be required to ride on a bicycle built for two.

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*Mitzvah*

Saturday  
February 1  
11:15 a.m.



Stacey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Evan Katz